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FEDERAL DRUG INVESTIGATION INITIATED BY U.S. ATTORNEY

PHOENIX -- The United States Attorney for the District of Arizona has initiated a federal investigation into the disappearance of pharmaceutical narcotics from Kino Hospital in Tucson, Ariz. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Tucson Police Department (TPD) are conducting the investigation in close coordination with the United States Attorney's Tucson office.

A preliminary inquiry into this matter revealed that narcotics Hydrocodone and Diazepam have been illegally diverted from the Kino Hospital Pharmacy. Hydrocodone, also known as Vicodin, is a Schedule III Controlled Substance. Diazepam, also known as Valium, is a Schedule IV Controlled Substance.

Federal investigators are seeking the public's assistance with this investigation. Anyone with information on the theft of pharmaceuticals at Kino Hospital should contact DEA at (520) 573-5500.

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